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Senate

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our purpose is to glorify You by serving our Nation. We want to express an energetic earnestness about our work today. Help us to know what You want and then want what we know; to say what we mean, and mean what we say. Give us resoluteness and intentionality. Free us to listen to You so intently that we can speak with courage. Keep us in the battle for truth rather than ego-skirmishes over secondary issues. Make us party to Your plans so we can give leadership to our parties and then help our parties work together to accomplish Your purposes. Make us one in the expression of our patriotism. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 11:15 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the tobacco bill, and it is expected that a Republican amendment will be offered regarding attorneys' fees. It is hoped that a short time agreement can be reached on that amendment so that remaining amendments can be offered and debated throughout today's session. At 12 noon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the modified tobacco com-

mittee substitute. Assuming cloture fails, the Senate will continue debate on the tobacco bill. The Senate may also consider any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action. Therefore, rollcall votes are possible throughout today's session of the Senate.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). The Senator from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I know my colleague wants to address the Senate and I will only take a minute on the business side. It is my understanding with respect to the tobacco bill, in a discussion with the majority leader last night, that there would be a Democratic amendment, I believe, at 11:15, with the understanding that the attorneys' fees amendment will follow that. I can say to a certainty that on the Democratic amendment, we will gladly enter into a time agreement. It will not be a long time agreement. So we can anticipate moving to the attorneys' fees amendment, hopefully, in the early afternoon.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, the last amendment last night voted on was a Democratic amendment, and going back and forth, I believe the next one will be a Republican amendment. However, the chairman is not here. We will check with him, and if an accommodation is necessary, we will pursue that.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, let me just say to my friend, that is accurate in the sense there was a Democratic amendment. But the discussion we had with the majority leader and the manager of the bill is the Democratic amendments that have flowed to date were essentially responsive amendments on the same subject to the Republican amendment. Effectively, there hasn't been a proactive, free-standing Democratic amendment. I

think that is why the majority leader was happy to say he will allow the Democrats to have sort of a substantive amendment of their own choosing, and then we can proceed forward. But we can work this out. I just wanted to make sure at least that was on the record at this time.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I don't suspect that will be a problem. We are going to check with the chairman and try and accommodate.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:15 a.m, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes, with the following exceptions: the Senator from West Virginia, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, for 10 minutes; the Senator from New Jersey, Mr. TORRICELLI, for 15 minutes; the Senator from Montana, Mr. BAUCUS, for 30 minutes; the Senator from Maine, Ms. COLLINS, for 15 minutes; the Senator from Massachusetts, Mr. KERRY, for 15 minutes; and the distinguished Senator from Oregon, Mr. SMITH, for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

STATE OF RURAL OREGON

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, this coming weekend the President of the United States will travel to my home State of Oregon to deliver the commencement speech at Portland State University. As Oregon's junior Senator, I welcome President Clinton. I look forward to seeing his remarks and want him to know he is welcome in my State.

While in Portland, he will find a vital, vibrant community, like much of the Nation, which has enjoyed very

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